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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Complainant, MARK K. THOMAS,

vs.

Respondent, JOHN EDWARDS, JOHN
EDWARDS 08 FOR PRESIDENT
AND JESSICA TESELLE

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TO: Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

Complainant, Mark Kenneth Thomas, _____, IL 60201, files

the following complaint based upon his personal, first hand knowledge:

1. John Edwards, Jessica TeSelle and the John Edwards for President Committee violated federal law limits for contributions to his 2008 Presidential Campaign by refusing to return to me \$2300 that Mr. Edwards and his Committee unilaterally, arbitrarily and in violation of my direction attributed to a donation by my wife, Lynn Thomas, for the Primary Election, even though the contribution was not intended to be a joint contribution. I requested a refund of the \$2300 (three times!) and I never received either the courtesy of a response to my requests or my \$2300 refund.

2. Attached is a December 20, 2007 letter that the Edwards Committee sent to me stating as follows: "Federal law limits contributions to John Edwards for President to \$2300 per person for both Primary Election and the General Election cycles. Since it appears that your check is imprinted with the name of your spouse or other individual accountholder, the

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Committee has reattributed \$2300 of your Primary election contribution to the individual whose name also appears on your check. If you did not intend for your contribution to be a joint contribution, you may request a refund by contacting Jessica TeSelle at the Committee's headquarters at 919-639-3129." (emphasis added).

3. My wife and I did not intend the contribution to be a joint contribution. Therefore, I called 919-639-3129, nobody answered, so I left a message on the answering machine requesting a refund. I also twice mailed to Ms. TeSelle a copy of her 12/20/07 letter with the following notation written on the letter: "Jessica, I did not intend it to be a joint contribution. Please refund \$2300 to Mark K. Thomas, _____, Evanston, IL 60201." The second refund request was mailed on May 19, 2008, and a copy is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

4. Additionally, attached hereto as Exhibit 2 is an email that I wrote, printed and mailed to Ms. TeSelle on September 2, 2008, again setting forth the facts and again requesting my \$2300 refund. I have not received a refund and I never received any response to my voicemails or correspondence.

5. I hereby request that the Commission direct Respondents John Edwards, John Edwards 08 for President and Jessica TeSelle to send me \$2300 plus \$100,000 for pain, suffering and emotional distress.

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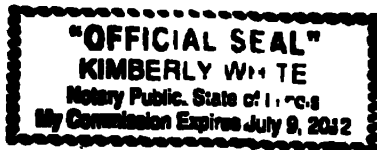
6. I have personal knowledge of all of the above and would so testify under oath.

Respectfully submitted,



Complainant, Mark K. Thomas

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO
BEFORE ME THIS 30th DAY
OF JUNE, 2010


Notary Public

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